2 Life in the city

1 Drag and drop the correct compound noun for each picture.

☐ bicycle lane	☐ subway station	☐ taxi stand
☐ bus stop	☑ streetlights	☐ traffic jam



1. streetlights



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____

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2 Problems, problems

A Drag and drop a solution for each problem.

Problems

1. no more parking spaces: *build a public parking garage*
2. dark streets: _____
3. no places to take children: _____
4. crime: _____
5. car accidents: _____
6. traffic jams: _____

Solutions

install modern streetlights
build a subway system
install more traffic lights
hire more police officers
build more parks
~~build a public parking garage~~

B Look at these solutions. Write sentences explaining the problems. Use *too much*, *too many*, or *not enough* and the problems in part A.

1. *There aren't enough parking spaces.*
   The city should build a public parking garage.
2. _____
   The city should install more traffic lights.
3. _____
   The city should build a subway system.
4. _____
   The city should hire more police officers.
5. _____
   The city should build more parks.
6. _____
   The city should install modern streetlights.

C Find another way to say the problems in part B. Begin each sentence with *There should be more/less/fewer . . .*

1. *There should be more parking spaces.*
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____



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3 City blues

A Match the words in columns A and B.

A	B
☑ air	☐ district
☐ business	☐ garages
☐ green	☐ hour
☐ parking	☐ spaces
☐ bicycle	☐ lanes
☐ public	☑ pollution
☐ rush	☐ transportation

B Complete this online post using the compound nouns in part A.

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Life in this city needs to be improved. For one thing, there are too many cars, and there is too much bad air, especially during rush hour. The _____ is terrible. This problem is particularly bad downtown in the _____. Too many people drive their cars to work. Also, the city doesn't spend enough money on _____. There should be more buses and subway trains so people don't have to drive.

We also need fewer _____ downtown. It's so easy to park that too many people drive to work. Instead, the city should create more parks and _____ so people can relax and get some fresh air when they're downtown. There should also be more _____ so people can ride to work and get some exercise.

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4 Transportation in Hong Kong

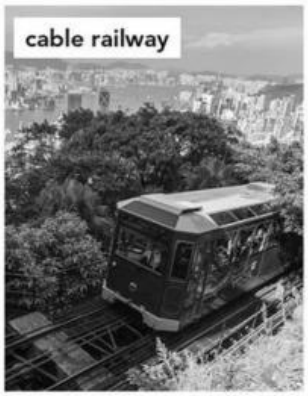
A Read about transportation in Hong Kong. Write the correct types of transportation in the article.

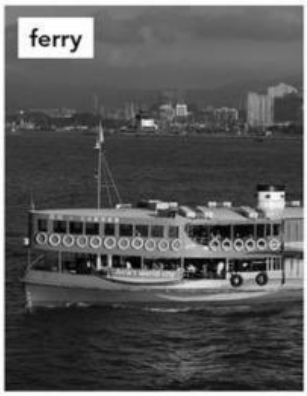
GETTING AROUND HONG KONG

Hong Kong has an excellent transportation system. If you fly there, you will arrive at one of the most modern airports in the world. And during your visit, there are many ways to get around Hong Kong.









1. _____

These have run in the streets of Hong Kong Island since 1904. They have two decks, and they carry more than 180,000 passengers a day. You can travel on six routes, totaling 30 kilometers (about 19 miles). You can also hire one for a private party with up to 25 guests – a great way to enjoy Hong Kong!

2. _____

Take one of these to cross from Hong Kong Island to Kowloon or to visit one of the other islands. You can also use them to travel to Macau and Guangdong. They are very safe and comfortable, and they are one of the cheapest boat rides in the world.

3. _____

Hong Kong's underground railway is called the MTR – the Mass Transit Railway. It is the fastest way to get around. You can take the MTR from the airport to all the major centers in Hong Kong. The MTR carries over four million passengers a day!

4. _____

This is found on Hong Kong Island. It pulls you up Victoria Peak, which is 552 meters (about 1,800 feet) above sea level, the highest mountain on the island. The system is nearly 130 years old. In that time, there has never been an accident. Two cars carry up to 120 passengers each.

B Complete the chart about each type of transportation. Where you cannot find the information, write *NG* (not given).

	cable railway	ferry	subway	tram
1. How old is it?				
2. How many people use it?				
3. How safe is it?				
4. Where can you go?				

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5 Complete these conversations. **Drag and drop** the words in the box.

☐ ATM ☑ duty-free shop ☐ sign ☐ hotel ☐ schedule



1. **A:** Could you tell me where I can buy some perfume?
   B: You should try the *duty-free shop*.
2. **A:** Can you tell me where I can find a good place to stay?
   B: Yeah, there is a nice _____ on the next street.
3. **A:** Do you know where I can change money?
   B: There's a money exchange on the second floor. There's also an _____ over there.
4. **A:** Do you know what time the last train leaves for the city?
   B: No, but I can check the _____.
5. **A:** Could you tell me where the taxi stand is?
   B: Sure. Just follow that _____.

6 Complete the questions in this conversation at a hotel.

Guest: Could you *tell me where the gym is* _____?

Clerk: Sure, the gym is on the nineteenth floor.

Guest: OK. And can you _____?

Clerk: Yes, the coffee shop is next to the gift shop.

Guest: The gift shop? Hmm. I need to buy something for my wife. Do you _____?

Clerk: It closes at 6:00 P.M. I'm sorry, but you'll have to wait until tomorrow. It's already 6:15.

Guest: OK. Oh, I'm expecting a package. Could you _____?

Clerk: Don't worry. I'll call you when it arrives.

Guest: Thanks. Just one more thing. Do you _____?

Clerk: The airport bus leaves every half hour. Anything else?

Guest: No, I don't think so. Thanks.

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7 Rewrite these sentences. Find another way to say each sentence using the words given.

1. There are too many cars in this city. (fewer)
   There should be fewer cars in this city.
2. We need fewer buses and cars downtown. (traffic)
   _____
3. Where's the subway station? (Could you)
   _____
4. There isn't enough public parking. (parking garages)
   _____
5. How often does the bus come? (Do you)
   _____
6. What time does the last train leave? (Can you)
   _____

8 Choose the best answers to the next questions.



The streets are closed to traffic in a traffic-free zone.

1. Are there any traffic-free zones? If so, where are they located?
   _____
2. How do most people travel to and from work?
   _____
3. What's the rush hour like?
   _____
4. What's the city's biggest problem?
   _____
5. What has the city done about it?
   _____
6. Is there anything else the city could do?
   _____

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